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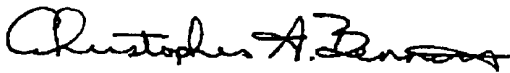
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Examiner Staicovici,

Please find attached the following documents for application number 09/539,691:

- Amendment after Final Rejection;
- Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131;
- Information Disclosure Statement with one cited reference; and
- Credit Card Form in the amount of \$180.00.

Respectfully submitted,



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CONFIRMATION

Re: **Your Reference: 512-0341/KR**
Our Reference: 36856.927
U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/539,691
Title: METHOD FOR MACHINING CERAMIC GREEN SHEET

Dear Kimura-san:

Thank you very much for your fax letter of December 20, 2002 regarding the above-identified patent application and the instructions contained therein. We are pleased to report that we have prepared and filed an Amendment After Final Rejection and an Information Disclosure Statement in the U.S. Patent Office in accordance with your instructions.

We enclose, with the confirmation copy of this letter sent via DHL, a copy of the Amendment After Final Rejection and Information Disclosure Statement we prepared and filed, along with our invoice for this matter.

Please note that we canceled Claims 1-4 and 15-18 in the Amendment After Final Rejection. After a further review of these claims, we determined that Claims 1 and 15-18 would have to be completely changed, which would almost certainly cause the Examiner to refuse to enter and consider the Amendment After Final Rejection including our arguments concerning Claims 5 and 6. Particularly, since independent Claims 1 and 15-18 do not recite any method steps including a galvano-scan mirror, and your instructions of December 12, 2002 are directed to the galvano-scan mirror, it would be necessary to completely change the scope of Claims 1 and 15-18 to be consistent with your instructions. In addition, we believe that it would be best to pursue allowance of Claims 1 and 15-18 in a Divisional Application.

Mr. Hitoaki Kimura
January 2, 2003
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We assume that you will want to wait to determine the Examiner's response to the enclosed Amendment After Final Rejection before deciding to file the Divisional Application and what claims to pursue in the Divisional Application. We will provide you with a reminder concerning the filing of a Divisional Application at the appropriate time.

We will keep you informed of all further developments in this case. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Christopher A. Bennett
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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/539,691
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REFERENCES AND FORWARD SAME TO CLIENT WITH
DETAILED ANALYSIS RE SAME; RECEIVE AND REVIEW
CLIENT'S INSTRUCTIONS OF DECEMBER 12, 2002; PREPARE
COMMENTS REGARDING CLIENT'S INSTRUCTIONS AND
FORWARD SAME TO CLIENT; RECEIVE AND REVIEW CLIENT'S
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS OF DECEMBER 20, 2002; PREPARE
AND FILE AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT IN THE U.S. PATENT OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH CLIENT'S INSTRUCTIONS WITH COPY OF SAME
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